

**Hedman, Susan**

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**From:** Hedman, Susan  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 09, 2013 12:30 AM  
**To:** Acting Administrator  
**Cc:** Woodka, Janet  
**Subject:** Re: MINN meeting went very well

We have just gotten home from a rather inexplicable multi-airline travel odyssey -- so I will just give you a quick summary of our discussion in Minnesota:

By the end of the meeting, the Gov's office and MPCA/MDNR/MDA all seemed very pleased with the status of EPA's review of the Polymet mine EIS (we have sent a letter committing to resolve all issues by the end of April) and with EPA's proposed next steps on the taconite regional haze plan (we have a strategy that I've discussed with Janet McCabe (b) (7)(A))

During the meeting we also talked about new opportunities for EPA to partner with Minnesota on nutrients in the Upper Mississippi River Basin (including ag certainty) and agreed to hold joint meetings to gather input on mining issues.

I stressed EPA's role as a co-regulator with Minnesota agencies and provided a list showing all funding provided by EPA to Minnesota during the first term. I also repeatedly stressed your willingness to call or meet with the Governor. I did not get a request to follow up on that offer -- but at the end of the meeting I was asked whether it would be helpful for Governor Dayton to encourage the Minn congressional delegation to support EPA's budget.

Please let me know if you would like more details -- and, if so, maybe we can set up a time to chat later in the week.

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**From:** Acting Administrator  
**Sent:** Monday, April 08, 2013 7:55:01 PM  
**To:** Hedman, Susan  
**Subject:** Re: MINN meeting went very well

Thanks Susan.

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Acting Administrator.  
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**From:** Hedman, Susan  
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**To:** Acting Administrator; Monger, Jon; Woodka, Janet  
**Subject:** MINN meeting went very well

More later -- I am now off to give a speech at the St. Croix watershed conference.